

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

FRANKS, Trent (Republican)  
Representative, 2nd District, Arizona  
Elected 2002 to the 108th Congress



### BACKGROUND

Born: Uravan, Colorado – 19 June 1957

Home: Phoenix, Arizona

Marital status: Married (Josephine)

Religion: Baptist

Education: Attended Ottawa University (AZ), 1989-90

Military: None

Profession: Small business owner; president, petroleum consulting firm; radio commentator

Political: Arizona House of Representatives, 1985-87. Defeated for reelection to Arizona House, 1986; unsuccessfully sought GOP nomination for US House, 1994. Headed Governor's Office for Children, 1987. Served as a political consultant to GOP presidential candidate Pat Buchanan. After beating his predecessor's hand-picked candidate in the GOP primary, defeated Randy Camacho (D) with 59% of the vote in the general election to succeed Rep Bob Stump (R), who retired.

Rep Franks is a conservative described as a "behind-the-scenes dealmaker." (CQ, 7Nov02) Considers himself more conservative than Ronald Reagan, his political hero. His political base consists of Christian conservatives and abortion opponents. During the campaign said American military strength and readiness is the greatest single deterrent to war and strongly supported the US commitment to Israel. Is expected to focus on anti-abortion and pro-family issues, including children's education policy. Seeks a seat on the HASC where he has pledged to ensure the survival of Luke AFB from the next round of base closures.

Additional Background: President, Strategic Consulting & Liberty Petroleum Corp; former executive director of the Family Research Institute, a non-profit associated with James Dobson's Focus on the Family.

AF Bases: Luke AFB

### COMMITTEES

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